

The Sims™ BUSTIN' OUT



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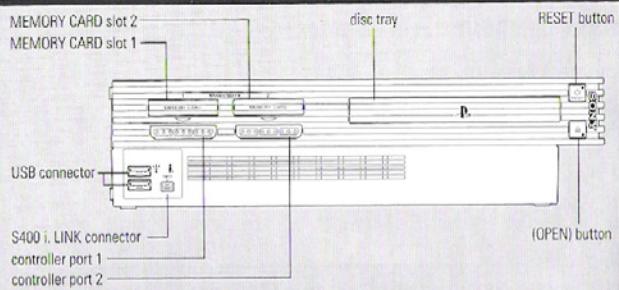
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STARTING THE GAME

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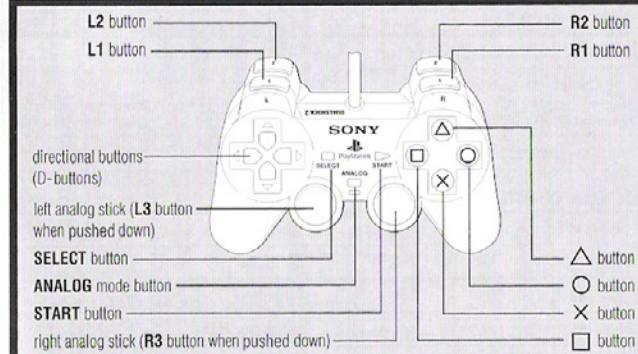


1. Set up your PlayStation®2 computer entertainment system according to the instructions in its Instruction Manual.
2. Make sure the MAIN POWER switch (located at the back of the console) is turned on.
3. Press the RESET button. When the power indicator lights up, press the open button and the disc tray will open.
4. Place the *The Sims™ Bustin' Out* disc on the disc tray with the label side facing up. Press the open button again and the disc tray will close.
5. Attach game controllers and other peripherals, as appropriate.
6. Follow on-screen instructions and refer to this manual for information on using the software.

Note: A memory card (8MB)(for PlayStation®2) is required to play *The Sims Bustin' Out*. Make sure you have a memory card inserted in either MEMORY CARD slot 1 or MEMORY CARD slot 2.

COMMAND REFERENCE

DUALSHOCK®2 ANALOG CONTROLLER CONFIGURATIONS



COMPLETE CONTROLS

Keep your Sims on their toes with these controls.



MENU CONTROLS

Highlight Menu Items	D-button ↗
Cycle Choices/Move Sliders	D-button ⇄
Select/Go to Next Screen	✗ button
Return to Previous Screen	Ⓐ button

ACTION CONTROLS

Select Action	✗ button
Cancel Action	Ⓐ button
Follow Sim	Ⓑ button
Move Cursor	left analog stick
Edit/Cancel Action	SELECT button
Change Sim	L2 button/R2 button

ENVIRONMENT CONTROLS

Zoom/Rotate	right analog stick
Change game speed	L1 button/R1 button
Walls up/down	◎ button

ONLINE ENVIRONMENT CONTROLS

Pausing the Game	L1 button
Change game speed	R1 button*

*In Online Weekend mode, both users must press their R1 buttons together to change the game speed.

INTERFACE CONTROLS

Access Career Panel	D-button ⇄
Access Relationship Panel	D-button ⇄
Access Motives Panel	D-button ↑
Access Personality Panel	D-button ↓
Access Modes menu (Buy and Build)	START button

INTRODUCTION

Get up *lazybones!* It's Mom. I'm glad that you're going to be around the house to help me out, and make no mistake, I will expect you to help out. I'm not here to pick up after you. Anyway, I don't want to be alone at a time like this. I can't believe Malcolm is treating me like this, that louse! And after I gave him the best years of my life! Well, all of my hopes are on you now. I know you'll make me proud—or else. So quit your loafing around and get up and find a good job. And don't just settle after you take a job, I want to see you working hard and moving up in the world. After you make it big, you had better remember who helped you get your start.

Now I know you think I'm a nag, but here are a few things that you should keep in mind:

- First and foremost, take care of yourself. You won't succeed if you neglect your needs (→ *Motives* p. 8). And, yes, that means bathing more than once a week! No one likes a grump and that includes your boss, so be sure to go to work in a good mood if you want to get promoted.
- Certain jobs are more accessible from certain locations. When you get promoted, think about moving to a new home that's on a direct bus line for your new position. You know how bosses hate employees who are always late!
- I want you to be successful, but you have to get some enjoyment out of life, too, you know! Keep your goals in mind and work hard, but find a balance between work and play. There is a fine line between having a strong work ethic and being a workaholic bore.
- It's okay to change career paths, but remember when you start on a new career path, you have to start at the bottom rung of that career ladder, which means more hard work before your dear ol' mom will have any respect for you again.
- And lastly, remember to clean up after yourself and eat right!



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SETTING UP THE GAME

It's easy to bust out of the house. Just follow the guidelines below and your Sim will be making their way in the wide world in no time.

Note: Be sure that you have a memory card inserted in your console. You cannot play *The Sims Bustin' Out* without a memory card.

Note: *The Sims Bustin' Out* auto-saves every time you complete a level, or visit another location. To save your progress within a level, > *Saving and Loading* on p. 21.

MAIN MENU

Bust out into a level-based game, go online to play with a friend, adjust your game options, and more at the Main menu.

Note: In order to play online, you must first start and save a Sim in Bust Out mode.

Note: To access all of the options from the Main menu, you must play through the first sequence In Bust Out mode and save that game.



CREATE A SIM

From color of hair to choice of footwear, design your Sim from head to toe.

- You can create and save one *Bustin' Out* Sim per memory card and six families in Free Play mode.

Last/First Name

Personal

Use the text entry interface to create a name for your Sim.

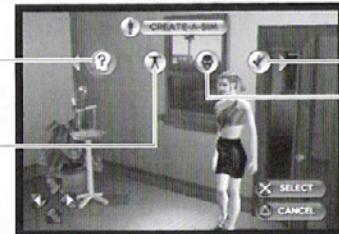
Distribute the personality points to craft a distinct personality for your Sim. The more points you allocate to each personality trait, the more your Sim's personality reflects that trait.

Body

Determine the body shape of your Sim and select which clothes they wear.

Head

Choose from the different facial characteristics (hair style and color, eye shape and color, lips, and more) to set what your Sim's head looks like.



Click to save your created Sim
Determine the look of your Sim's face and hair and whether or not they're wearing glasses or a hat or makeup
Adjust your Sim's body appearance
Determine the gender and age (adult or child) for your Sim and set their characteristics

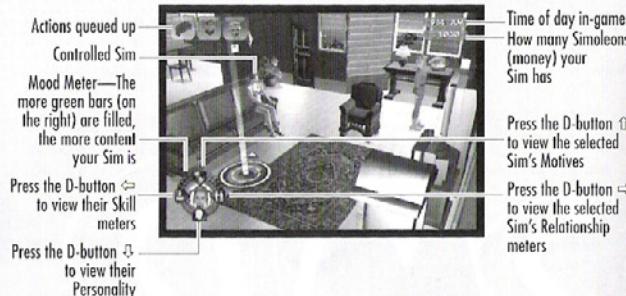


PLAYING THE GAME

Your Sims just want to be happy. A little guidance from you helps them stay on track. Keep their needs met, balance work and play, and make sure they spend time with Sim friends.

GAME SCREEN

The Game screen displays a wealth of information that lets you know how your Sim is doing.



SUB MENUS

Press the D-button to view pop-up windows that display your Sim's condition in more detail.

MOTIVES

- Press the D-button ↑ to view your Sim's motives.
- Press the right analog stick ↔ to navigate the currently displayed sub menu. Press and hold the ☒ button on the currently highlighted menu item for more details.



Hunger

A hungry Sim is a grumpy Sim. Your Sim stops their stomach from grumbling by eating a snack, preparing and eating a meal, ordering (and eating) a pizza, or snagging a plate o' vittles at a neighbor's house.

Keep your Sim looking—and smelling—fresh and clean. Wash their hands, brush their teeth, shower, or bathe.

Catch a few zzzs so that your Sim is bright-eyed and bushy-tailed. For a quick burst of energy, down a cup of java or a shot of espresso.



Hygiene



Energy



Social

Talk, joke, and interact with other Sims to keep your Sim feeling connected. Keep in mind that anti-social behavior doesn't make your Sim's feel any better socially. And be careful, anti-social Sims may make enemies rather than friends.

Put your Sim's feet up. Nap, have a seat, or take a relaxing bath.



Comfort



Bladder

If your Sim's gotta go, they've gotta go. Use a toilet—and don't forget to flush!



Fun

All work and no play is a sure-fire way to grump out your Sim. Sims enjoy watching TV, reading books and newspapers, playing games, dancing, and more.



Room

Sims are happiest in clean, well-lit homes with nice furnishings. Keep their surroundings nice by adding some decorative items to boost your Sims' moods.

CAREER AND SKILLS

There are initially seven different career paths that your Sim can take. Each one has its own set of required skills and offers its own rewards. In addition, there are several more career paths that you can unlock in Free Play mode (► *Free Play* on p. 17). For more information on careers and building skills, ► p. 18.



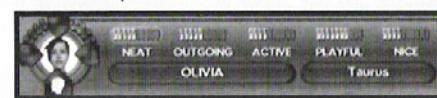
RELATIONSHIPS

Sims are happiest when they're well-liked. Keep your Sim in the social swing by making friends and developing strong relationships with their fellow Sims.



PERSONALITY

A Sim's personality is a mixture of several different characteristics that you set when creating your Sim (► *Create a Sim* on p. 7).



BUST OUT!

Bustin' Out mode allows your Sim to leave home and seek their fortune out in the wide Sim world. In this level-based mode, your Sims make friends, find roommates, and advance your career as you try and move up in the world and into Malcolm's Mansion.

Start in one career and move up to level 10 or change careers to give your Sim's life a bit more variety. There are seven main careers in the game. When you make it to the top of a career, your Sim earns a special reward for their hard work.

Your Sim starts out under the watchful eye of Mom and then leaves the family nest to seek their fortune out in the "real world."

Be mindful of the goals of each level. The help your Sim as they move on (and up) in the world.

- When your Sim accomplishes a goal, they earn a reward. Different goals earn different rewards, from objects your Sims can buy to new social interactions they can engage in.

Once your Sim is promoted to a certain level at a residence, you unlock a new location. This usually indicates its time for your Sim to move on. In *The Sims Bustin' Out* moving is simple, just hop on the scooter—or trade it in for a new vehicle—and select MOVE or VISIT and your Sim travels with ease to their next abode.

- Vehicles are unlocked when you get promoted or complete goals throughout the game.
- To begin a two player game, make sure you have a second controller plugged in. Press the START button on the second controller in order for the two player game to begin.
- You must have two memory cards inserted with *The Sims Bustin' Out* save data for a two player game.

MEET MALCOLM LANDGRABB

The miserly Malcolm Landgrabb is your Mom's recently divorced ex-husband. While he's considered a very successful man, his social skills leave something to be desired. Putting himself and his fortunes before everything and everyone else, Malcolm is systematically going through town and taking back all of the things that he ever gave your mom or his children, Mimi and Dudley.



PAUSE MENU

From the Pause menu you can take a look at your current goals, access Buy or Build modes, and more.

• Press the START button to bring up the Pause menu.

Goals	View your goals and see which you've accomplished for the given level.
Buy	Get your Sim's hands on some new stuff (► <i>Buy Mode</i> on p. 12).
Build	Construct a dream home or add on an extra bathroom (► <i>Build Mode</i> on p. 13).
Careers	View the career tracks and see what you qualify for (► <i>Careers and Skills</i> on p. 18).
Options	Turn Free Will, Controller Vibration, Auto Center, and Fast Forward Toggle ON/OFF; Adjust Music and Sound Effects volumes, or adjust your screen.
Save	Save your progress to a memory card.
Quit	Exit back to the Main menu.

BUY MODE

Shop 'til your Sims drop. Buy mode lets your Sims purchase all the goodies that their Sim hearts desire. So long as they can afford it, that is. Sims have no credit cards for impulse spending.

- Special objects are overall more satisfying for your Sims. For instance, a smaller, less expensive TV is less entertaining than a monster-screen TV.
- ▷ As your Sim acquires more Simoleons, sell back lower quality goods (for a reduced price) and upgrade to newer, better stuff.
- ▷ To access Buy mode, press the **START** button to bring up the Pause menu and then press the D-button ↪ to select the Buy Mode icon.

TO BUY AND PLACE AN ITEM:

1. From the Buy Mode screen, highlight the icon for the type of item you want to purchase and press the **X** button. The catalog for the selected category of items appears.
2. Press the D-button ↪ to browse and then press the **X** button when the item you want to buy is highlighted. The item appears as a cursor on your screen.
- Objects that appear as a lock cannot be purchased until they're unlocked.
3. Press the left analog stick to position the item you've purchased.
- ▷ To rotate the item, press the **L1** button or the **R1** button.
4. Once the item is positioned where you want it, press the **X** button to place it.

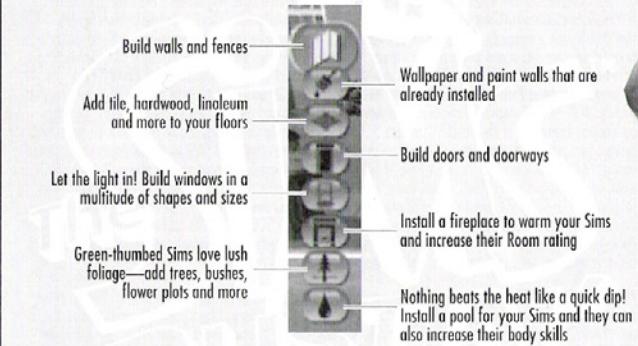
TO RELOCATE OR SELL AN ITEM:

1. From the Buy Mode screen, choose an item type (any type will do) and then press the left analog stick. The grabbing cursor is activated.
2. Move the cursor to the object you want to relocate and press the **X** button.
- ▷ To sell it (at a depreciated price), press the **@** button.
- Items depreciate after midnight in all game modes except Free Play.
- ▷ To reposition it, move the cursor to a new location and then press the **X** button to place it in the new position.

BUILD MODE

From cozy cottages to grand mansions, Build mode lets you construct dream homes for your Sims.

- You must be a resident on a lot to build on that lot.
- ▷ To access Build mode, press the **START** button to bring up the Pause menu and then press the D-button ↪ to select the Build Mode icon.
- ▷ In Bustin' Out and Free Play mode, you can add to the existing structure or you can choose to demolish the structure and sell all of the furnishings on the lot and rebuild from scratch.
- If you do decide to rebuild in Bustin' Out mode, you must spend as much as the original house and its furnishings cost or the difference is subtracted from your Sim's account when they move.



TO BUILD WALLS AND FENCES:

1. Select the type of item you want to build from the Build menu and the specific item from the sub menu. The item appears onscreen.
2. Press the left analog stick and press the **X** button to choose a starting point for the wall or fence you want to build.
3. Press the left analog stick along the line that you want to place your wall or fence. And then press the **X** button again to install it.
- ▷ To back out of wall or fence placement, press the **@** button.
- ▷ To tear down items previously built, position the left analog stick to the wall or fence you wish to uninstall and press the **@** button. Then use the left analog stick to highlight what you want to tear down. Once it's highlighted, press the **X** button and its history.
- ▷ Building other items is similar to locating items in Buy mode (→ p. 12).

PLAY ONLINE

Meet up with a friend or make one when your Sims bust out online.

Note: In order to unlock the ability to play online, you must first complete the initial dream sequence of the single player game and save your progress to your memory card.

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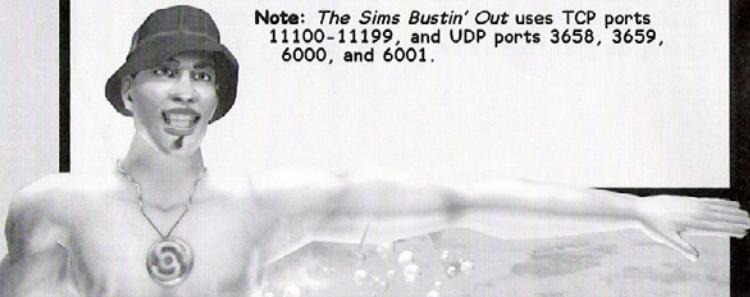
Note: In order to play online, you will need the following items: a network adaptor (Ethernet/modem) (for PlayStation®2) installed, an active Internet connection via your own Internet service provider (ISP) account, and a memory card (8MB) (for PlayStation®2) with at least 66 KB free space. Prior to playing online, you will need to set up Your Network Configuration file. *The Sims Bustin' Out* includes a Network Configuration GUI for setting up these files. Network Configurations for some ISPs, such as AOL, must be created using the network adaptor start-up disk.

Note: When saving and loading Your Network Configuration file, you must use MEMORY CARD slot 1.

PLAYING BEHIND A FIREWALL

We recommend that you do not play *The Sims Bustin' Out* online behind a firewall. However, if you need assistance in setting up your firewall to allow access to the online portion of *The Sims Bustin' Out*, please contact the manufacturer of your firewall.

Note: *The Sims Bustin' Out* uses TCP ports 11100-11199, and UDP ports 3658, 3659, 6000, and 6001.



SELECT NETWORK CONFIGURATION

Before you can begin playing online, you must select Your Network Configuration file (found on your memory card) or create a new one through the Network Configuration GUI.

Note: After using the included Network Configuration GUI, the RESET button functions differently. To put the console into standby mode press and hold the RESET button until the LED turns red.

NETWORK CONFIGURATION FILE

Press the D-button ↔ to scroll through the available Internet service provider settings and select one for the upcoming online game.

CREATE/EDIT CONFIGURATION

The Network Configuration GUI allows you to create and edit Your Network Configuration files. When selected, the game shuts itself down while the Network Configuration GUI loads. When complete, the game re-launches itself and goes through its normal loading procedure before returning to the Main menu screen.

CONNECT

After selecting Your Network Configuration file, connect to your Internet service provider. If the connection is successful, *The Sims Bustin' Out* Server Login screen appears.

EA ACCOUNT SETUP

Before you can begin playing online, you must create a new account or use an existing one.

- ⇒ If you have already created a profile, press the D-button to highlight USE EXISTING ACCOUNT and then press the X button. If you have not created a profile, highlight CREATE NEW ACCOUNT and press the X button to begin the process. If you want to log off and return to the previous screen, press the A button.
- ⇒ After successfully creating an EA Account, you have the option to save it.

USING AN EXISTING EA ACCOUNT

1. From the Main menu, select ONLINE WEEKEND.
2. Select Your Network Configuration file.
3. Choose USE EXISTING ACCOUNT that appears highlighted.
 - Your EA Account only defaults once you've saved it after successfully logging in.
4. Select an EA GAMES online Persona and press the X button.
- You can have up to four EA GAMES online Personas. Change, delete, or create new User Names from the Online screen.

ONLINE LOBBY

From the Online Lobby, you can enter a room. Rooms are where players gather to chat and find other players to play games with online.

- ⇒ Press the R1 button to find a friend online. Enter their User Name. If they are currently in a *The Sims Bustin' Out* online room, you are given the option of going there now.



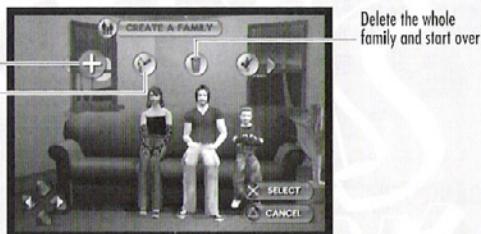
FREE PLAY

Create a Family, move them into a house, and let life run its course. In Free Play, there are no established goals—you decide what each family member pursues and accomplishes. All without ever having to hold down a job!

TO BEGIN PLAYING IN FREE PLAY MODE:

- Free Play mode is unlocked as soon as your Sim enters Mom's house. Save and quit your game and the Free Play mode is available from the Main menu.
- ⇒ From the Free Play menu, choose a lot on Free Street.
- ⇒ To continue playing with a previously created family, choose ENTER HOUSE.
- ⇒ To create a new Sim family select CREATE FAMILY.
- ⇒ To send a Sim family packing, choose DELETE FAMILY.

CREATE FAMILY



- ⇒ Create multiple Sims as you would create a single Sim. Then, move them in to an empty lot. You can also move them into an inhabited lot if you evict the family that currently lives there.
- You can create and save up to six families of up to four family members per memory card, one family per house and three additional homeless families.

Once your family is moved in to their new lot, you can access the Buy and Build modes to make their house a home. For more information on Buying, ➤ p. 12. For more on Building, ➤ p. 13.

MATCHMAKING SCREEN

This screen contains a list of all of the other players currently in the room. As you highlight each player, you will see a 3D image of their Sim in the window on the right side of the screen.

- You can sort the players in the room by name (alphabetically), career, astrological sign, number of unlocks, locations, or ping.
- Note:** The ping value can be seen as an indicator of how responsive the game feels while playing online. The higher the ping value, the less responsive the gameplay.
- ⇒ Press the R1 button to bring up the chat keyboard. You can use this interface to send messages to the other players in the room.
- ⇒ To send a private chat message, highlight a player and then press the R2 button to send to them only.
- ⇒ To report someone for inappropriate behavior, press the L1 button. This notifies EA of the other player's behavior.
- You may use a USB keyboard to enter text any time you see the keyboard on screen.
- ⇒ Press the L2 button to alternate between the list of players and the chat window. In each window you can scroll up and down to see additional names and text.
- ⇒ To invite another player to play online, highlight a player and press the X button. You are inviting them to join your game. That is, to bring their Sim to your Sim's house.
- ⇒ To join another player's game, choose ACCEPT when you're invited to join. You must be invited to join another player's game.

VOICE CHAT

You can talk with another player during online gameplay by connecting a USB-supported headset to the PlayStation®2 computer entertainment system. Once the headset is plugged in, the voice chat function is automatically activated.

- ⇒ To adjust the headset volume, press the START button during an online game to bring up the Pause menu and then press the D-button to select the Options menu.

Note: *The Sims Bustin' Out* does not support modem or PPPoE DSL connections for Voice Chat.

Note: Voice Communications support the Logitech USB headset.

Note: During gameplay, if your USB headset is plugged into your console, and you are not able to talk to the other player:

- The other player may not have a USB headset connected to their console.
- You may have a low quality connection to each other. Try reconnecting.
- One of you may be connecting to the Internet through a dial-up modem connection.



CAREERS AND SKILLS

There are seven career paths, plus five bonus, unlockable careers (for Free Play mode only) in *The Sims Bustin' Out*. Different careers require different skills. Be sure to choose a career which also suits your Sim's personality.

MOVIE STAR

The path of a movie star starts at the Mall. You Sim hams it up to encourage shoppers to spend, spend, spend. Outgoing Sims are good candidates for this career path and must hone their charisma and creativity skills among others if they want to achieve real fame.



GANGSTER

To successfully work their way up in a life of crime from vandal to top gangster, Sims must be in good shape and have a flair for creativity. What, you thought just anyone could lie, cheat, and steal?



Scaling the heights of fashion requires that your Sim look fabulous all the time and learn to creatively charm the who's who of the fashion world. Keep your Sim fit and active if they want to advance in this career where looks are everything.

MAD SCIENTIST



FASHION VICTIM



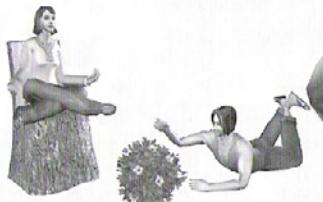
PARAMILITARY

If your Sim has a yearning to keep peace throughout the Sim world, they might consider taking on a life in the military. Beginning as a latrine cleaner, Sims on this path emphasize logic skills and keep their well-toned bodies in fighting shape.



COUNTER CULTURE

Some Sims are lovers, not fighters. If your Sim falls into that category, a life on the counterculture career path might be in their cards. Sims on this path keep their bodies fit and pure and work on charisma so that they can enchant other Sims with their alternative lifestyle.



JOCK

These die-hard sports fans give it their all when they start off their careers as the mascot of their favorite teams. Achieving the strength and stamina of a prime athlete helps them advance in their chosen career. Charisma skills ensure that they're well-spoken on the highlight reels at 11:00.



BONUS CAREERS

There are five bonus careers that you can access in Free Play mode. Bust out as Rock Star, Slacker, Artist, or Computer Geek, or make your millions as a sneaky Swindler.

- These careers are available in Free Play mode only.

SAVING AND LOADING

Save your Sim's painstaking progress in life on a memory card.

- The game auto-saves whenever you move to or visit another location.

Note: Never insert or remove a memory card when loading or saving files.

TO SAVE A GAME:

- ⇒ From the Pause menu, select the SAVE icon. A prompt asks you to confirm that you want to save. Select YES.
- When saving, your previously saved game is overwritten.

TO LOAD A GAME:

1. From the Main menu, choose CONTINUE. The Memory Card Selection screen appears.
2. Choose the memory card from which you want to load a game. A prompt appears asking if you want to load *The Sims Bustin' Out* save data.



SKILLS

While your Sim may have a very engaging personality and all the friends in the world, without proper skills they're destined to a low-paying job with little or no respect. A little education goes a long way to helping your Sim get ahead.

Cooking

There's nothing like a good cook. Your Sim can improve their culinary skills by studying cooking (from a book in a bookcase) or by serving up drinks from the SlushRush Portable Bar.

Mech

Sims with high mech (mechanical) skills are handy to have around. They can fix broken appliances and keep the whole house running smoothly. Grab a book to study mech or amp up your fun by using the Invention Workbench.

Creative

Let your Sim's imagination run wild. Creative Sims love to paint, play musical instruments, or even make pottery.

Body

Get your Sim off the couch and into shape by using a treadmill, weight bench, or climbing wall.

Logic

Elementary, my dear. Sims who play a lot of chess or gaze at the stars through a telescope develop sharp logic skills.

Charisma

Sims with high charisma have more than a way with words, they can charm their way into—or out of—anything. Sims gain charisma by practicing speaking in front of mirrors, or by using the NostalgiaCo Microphone.

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